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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEEKEND MONDAY TUESDAY HEADLINES FEATURED DOMESTIC NEWS; SOME ON KISSINGER- THO TALKS. TIME MAGAZINE HAS MBFR ARTICLE.

1 A. SUNDAY NYTIMES HAD SWEDISH GROUP ON ARMS RACE. MONDAY TUESDAY PAPERS HAD WORLD COURT CASE. COMMENT SCATTERED.

2. FRENCH A- TESTS. MONDAY WASHPOST, AUCKLAND UNSIGNED, REPORTED DEFENSE MINISTER FAULKNER, DENYING REPORTS NEW ZEALAND SHIP WOULD BE SENT TO TEST SITE, SAID NEW ZEALAND WOULD TAKE QUOTE NO ACTION OF PROVOCATIVE NATURE UNQUOTE AGAINST FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN SOUTH PACIFIC AS LONG AS WORLD COURT WAS CONSIDERING MATTER.

2 A. TUESDAY WASHPOST THE HAGUE UNSIGNED, REPORTS INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE YESTERDAY BEGAN PUBLIC HEARING ON AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND DEMANDS THAT FRENCH STOP NUCLEAR TESTING IN PACIFIC. STORY SAYS FRANCE, MAINTAINING COURT NOT COMPETENT TO RULE IN MATTERS INVOLVING FRENCH NATIONAL DEFENSE, WAS ABSENT WHEN HEARING OPENED. TUESDAY NYTIMES THE HAGUE UPI REPORTS AUSTRALIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL MURPHY ASKED INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AT OPENING ORAL HEARINGS TO ISSUE INTERIM INJUNCTION PENDING FINAL JUDGEMENT TO TEMPORARILY STOP FRANCE FROM CONDUCTING TESTS, MURPHY ASSERTING ALL AUSTRALIAN INHABITANTS, INCLUDING UNBORN BABIES, HAD RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES IN THEIR BODIES. TUESDAY BALTSUN, THE HAGUE REUTER, ADDS MURPHY IN LENGTHY STATEMENT SAID WHEN FRANCE EXPLODED BOMBS IM ATMOSPHERE OVER MURUROA ATOLL QUOTE SHE EXPLODES THEM IN REAL SENSE OVER AUSTRALIA AND OTHER NATIONS PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE UNQUOTE.

2 B. SATURDAY NYTIMES COMMENTS FRENCH UNDERSTANDABLY RESENT LECTURES ON PERILS OF ATMOSPHERIC TESTING FROM US AND RUSSIA, BUT LOGICAL FRENCH LIKELY TO CONCLUDE POLITICAL ADVANTAGES AT HOME AND ABROAD OF MAINTAINING DUBIOUS NUCLEAR INDEPENDENCE FAR OUTWEIGHED BY COSTS OF CONTINUED TESTING WHILE REMAINING ALOOF FROM COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO BRING WEAPONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. TIMES SAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE BOON FOR FRANCE AND WORLD IF FRENCH REACH THIS CONCLUSION BEFORE UPCOMING SOUTH PACIFIC TEST.

2 C. NEWSDAY MAY 13, SAID PERILS OF NUCLEAR TESTING OBVIOUS, BENEFITS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE, AND CITED PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE THAT BAN ON UNDERGROUND TESTS, LONG RESISTED BY US, CAN BE POLICED ADEQUATELY WITH UNMANNED

EQUIPMENT. WIDER TEST BAN, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT AFFECT FRENCH AND CHINESE. NEWSDAY ADVISES NIXON ADMINISTRATION EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SHARING NUCLEAR SECRETS WITH FRANCE NOW ON CONDITION FRENCH SIGN TEST BAN TREATY. NEWS- DAY ADMITS GETTING CHINA TO STOP TESTING WILL BE EVEN HARDER, GIVEN RIVALRY WITH SOVIETS.

3. MBFR. TIME MAGAZINE HAS COLUMN ENTITLED, SLOW, SLOW THAW REPORTING THAT, DESPITE BREZHNEV- BRANDT, THE ARMIES OF EAST AND WEST STILL FACE EACH OTHER IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THAWING COLD WAR ON THAT FRONT IS PROVING MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN FREEZING IT. TALKS FINALLY BEGAN IN VIENNA, SAYS TIME, BUT UNDER LESS THAN PROPITIOUS CIRCUM- STANCES, MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR AGREEMENT TO SIT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, INSTEAD OF IN BLOCS, IN MEETING ROOMS OF IAEA RATHER THAN IMPERIAL PALACE, MOREOVER DELEGATES COULD NOT AGREE ON A NAME FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS SO ALMOST EVERY MEANINGFUL WORD WAS SLASHED FROM THE OFFICIAL COM- MUNIQUE AND CONFERENCE WAS BLANDLY DESCRIBED AS

CONSULTATIONS RELATED TO CENTRAL EUROPE. TIME SAYS SOVIETS WERE SO STUBBORN ABOUT HUNGARY'S STATUS NATO POWERS RELUCTANTLY GAVE IN. DELEGATES WILL NOW RESUB- MERGE FOR A WHILE AS DIPLOMATS SECRETLY HAMMER OUT AN AGENDA, A PLACE, AND AUTUMN DATE FOR FULLDRESS MEETINGS, AS US OFFICIALS WARN THAT MBFR MAY BE TEN TIMES AS COMPLEX AS SALT.

3 A. SUNDAY NYNEWS EDITORIAL SAYS OUR FREE WORLD PARTNERS CANNOT BE BLAMED FOR BEING AMAZED AND ANGERED AT US SURRENDER ON HUNGARY ISSUE AT MBFR. HOW BALANCED, HOW MUTUAL, SAYS NEWS, AN ACCORD CAN BE EXPECTED WHEN LARGE RED FORCE RIGHT IN HEART OF MIDDLE EUROPE IS REGARDED AS UNTOUCHABLE. ST. LOUIS GLOBE- DEMOCRAT, MAY 15, SAYS IF UNCLASSIFIED

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PRELIMINARY HAGGLING IS ANY INDICATION, MBFR TALKS WILL BE LONG AND STORMY. PAPER SAYS US MUST NOT BECOME SO ENTHRALLED AT POSSIBILITY OF BETTER EAST- WEST RELATIONS THAT IT NEGOTIATES AWAY TOO MUCH TO RUSSIANS AS IT DID IN SALT TALKS AND GRAIN DEALS. IF SOVIETS PROVE DIS- INTERESTED IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, US SHOULD MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH WESTERN ALLIES WHO HAVE BEEN USING EAST- WEST TALKS AS EXCUSE FOR INACTION ON BOLSTERING OWN DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

3 B. MILWAUKEE JOURNAL MAY 15 SAYS MBFR FORMAL SESSION BEGAN ON HIGH NOTE AND ADDED SOVIET SUPPORT COULD AS IN PAST PROVE DECEPTIVE CONSIDERING RUSSIAN WORDS SUPPORTING GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF REDUCING TENSION

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